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FM AMCONSUL TIJUANA

TO AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SOUTHWESTERN STATES CONFERENCE ON CRIME AND THE BORDER

1. A. WELLS PETERSEN, GARY W. SCHONS AND PATZAHAROPOULOS, ALL DEPUTY ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA VISITED US TODAY TO INVITE PARTICIPATION OF AMBASSADOR AND OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER TIJUANA AT SOUTHWESTERN STATES CONFERENCE ON CRIME AND THE BORDER TO BE HELD APRIL 22-24 IN SAN DIEGO. CALIFORNIA STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL EVELLE YOUNGER IS SPONSOR. ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS WILL ALSO ATTEND. YOUNGER IN ADDITION HAS "PERSONAL ACCEPTANCE" FROM USG ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL, ALTHOUGH IT STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER IT WILL BE HE OR A REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL ATTEND.

2. CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS BORDER PROBLEMS AS THEY RELATE TO CRIME INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY MOVING OF STOLEN PROPERTY INTO MEXICO, TRANSIENT CRIMINALS, ORGANIZED CRIMINALS ON U.S. SIDE, DEALERS IN UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS, AND SMUGGLING. AGENDA IS BEING WORKED ON.

3. WE EXPLAINED TO PETERSEN WHY IT OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION BY AMBASSADOR BUT SAID THAT POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND HIS DEPUTY WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN CONFERENCE. ALSO TOLD HIM THAT TIJUANA WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT INVITATION. PETERSEN SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH US IN ABOUT ONE WEEK.

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4. SEEMS UNNECESSARY TO NOTE BUT WILL DO SO FOR RECORD THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS COMPETITOR WITH MAYOR PETE WILSON'S PROPOSAL FOR A FEBRUARY 18 MEETING IN SAN DIEGO. BOTH STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL YOUNGER AND MAYOR WILSON ARE CANDIDATES FOR NEXT YEAR' GUBERNATORIAL RACE IN CALIFORNIA.

5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER I MAY TELL PETERSEN THAT EMBASSY  
AND AMCONSUL TIJUANA WILL PARTICIPATE.  
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